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Applicant: Johanson, et al.

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

A three (3) month extension of time, from January 13, 2000 to and including April 13, 2000, is requested to respond to the Office Action mailed October 13, 1999, in the above-referenced application. Please charge the small entity extension fee of \$435 to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 24, 2000

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I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington,

DC 20231

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